

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Preferably, so as to preserve the properties of the composite yarn obtained, especially its heat-sealability and its weatherability, the weight proportion of the plasticizing medium comprising a phosphate is at most equal to 200% with respect to the weight of acrylic resin and/or the weight proportion of the intumescent agent is at most equal to 200% with respect to the weight of acrylic resin. Similarly, the weight proportion of the plasticizing medium comprising a phthalate is at most equal to 200% with respect to the weight of acrylic resin and/or the weight proportion of the intumescent agent is at most equal to 200% with respect to the weight of acrylic resin.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The proportion by weight of intumescent agent is between 50 and 200%, and preferably between 150 and 200%, by weight of the resin. The proportion by weight of plasticizing medium is between 100 and 200%, and preferably between 120 and 145%, by weight of the resin.